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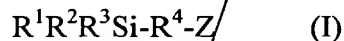
Prior to the examination of this application on its merits, please enter the following claims and consider the following remarks.

I. AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 15 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A rubber mixture comprising a solution of styrene/butadiene copolymers and organosilanes of the general structure:



wherein

R^1 , R^2 and R^3 independently of one another are H, (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy or halogen and the number of alkyl groups is ≥ 1 ; R^4 is a linear or branched (C₁-C₁₈) divalent hydrocarbon group; and Z = H, halogen, SCN, SH or S_x-R⁴-SiR¹R²R³, where x is 2 to 10.

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15. (Amended) A rubber mixture comprising a solution of styrene/butadiene copolymers and an organosilane of formula (I):



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